



# Marine Aircraft Group 26

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### Photo of the Week... Vertical Parking



Waaaaay up at the top of this reeeeeeally tall ladder is someone who has far too much faith in aluminum ladders and his own equilibrium, and not enough faith in the consistency of gravity. This daring dum-dum is forty feet high on a makeshift scaffold that looks to be no larger than a two-by-four. There's not so much as a pillow tied to his backside for fall protection, and it seems he can barely keep his balance as he grabs some fresh nails from his buddy.

I think everyone will agree if I say this is sheer stupidity. I just wonder how he got up there and how he got himself back down.

Folks, there's no reason any of you should find yourself in this position. Use risk management to

help you decide where to draw the line. If you make good decisions on the job, you'll make it home at the end of the day ... and vice versa.

### What's PMO been up to...

- Failure to Stop: 2
- Driving without a valid drivers license in possession: 3
- Speeding 11-15 mph over speed limit: 5
- Speeding 1-10 mph over posted speed limit: 2
- Driving while under suspension: 3
- Inattention to driving: 1
- Reckless Driving: 2
- Failure to Wear Seatbelt: 3



### WEEKLY SAFETY FLAGALL

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#### ON DUTY:

**040331** LCPL, 2ND TSB, 2D FSSG. SNM was seriously injured while conducting rail-head operations aboard Camp Lejeune, NC. SNM was pinned between one of the trailers and a concrete docking ramp. SNM was transported by ambulance to the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital and later evacuated to the New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Initial diagnosis states that SNM has a fractured pelvis with internal bleeding and a punctured bladder.

**040329** LCpl, 2D MED BN. SNM suffered a serious injury to her left hand at the APOE, MCAS Cherry Point, NC. She was loading a conveyor and asked to measure the conveyor belt with a tape measure. While resting her left hand on the conveyor belt, the belt was activated and completely amputated the index finger of her left hand, and partially amputated the middle and ring fingers of her left hand.

#### AVIATION:

**040330** HMLA-775, 3dMAW. Two AH-1W helicopters collided while taxiing in Iraq. All aircrew egressed successfully with minor injuries. Both aircraft are destroyed.

#### OFF DUTY:

**040403** LCpl, HQSVCBN, MCB, Camp Butler. SNM was discovered unconscious and not breathing in the Club Pyramid in Okinawa City, Okinawa by two Marines. These Marines administered first aid and took SNM to the USNH, Camp Lester. SNM was admitted to the USNH in critical condition and was treated for extreme alcohol poisoning. SNM has been transferred to the ICU and remains unconscious on a ventilator. The attending physician expects SNM's condition to steadily improve thus eliminating the need for a ventilator.

**040401** Cpl, 9TH COMM BN. SNM fell down the stairs in barracks 13109 while in an authorized liberty status. A fellow Cpl took SNM to the hospital where he was treated for a broken jaw and missing teeth. SNM required surgery to include having his jaw wired shut. SNM is listed in stable condition.

**040329** LCPL, BLT 1/2, 24TH MEU. SNM was involved in a automobile accident on Highway 55 in the vicinity of Greenville, NC. SNM lost control of his vehicle and struck several stationary objects prior to coming to rest. SNM was taken to the Pitt County Memorial Hospital located Greenville, NC where he is listed in stable condition.

**040403** 2 LCpl's, 1 PFC, 2d LAR Bn, 2d Mar Div, Camp Lejeune, NC and MCRD Parris Island, SC. Marine's were involved in a single vehicle accident on Hwy 17, approximately 6 miles from Georgetown, South Carolina. The driver, a LCpl, is being held by the South Carolina State Police and is charged with felony DUI. His Blood Alcohol Content was measured at 0.10. The driver lost control of the POV while traveling around a curve at approximately 80 mph. The vehicle slid backwards down an embankment, struck a tree, and went airborne before striking another tree. The passenger in the front seat, a LCpl, is hospitalized with unknown injuries. The passenger in the backseat, a PFC, **was not wearing a seatbelt** and was ejected from the vehicle. He was life-flighted to the Charleston Medical University Hospital and is being treated for severe head trauma. The PFC remains in very critical condition. It is unknown whether either of the LCpl's involved were wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. **Alcohol was involved in this incident.**

### **FAMOUSE QUOTES**

Safety is as stupid does. - - Author Unknown

## **MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY COURSES**

### **DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE**

Date: 14 Apr

Place: AS-212, Room 121A

Time: 0730-1600 (first 25 Marines, so be early)

### **REMEDIAL DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE**

Due to the next scheduled Remedial Driver's Training Class falling on Good Friday, 9 April, the class is rescheduled for **Friday, 16 April**. Class location and time will be in room 121-A, Bldg AS-212, from **0730 - 1130**.

### **Motorcycle BASIC RIDER COURSE** (23 hours)

Date: TBD

Place: TBD

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

Active Duty (Retired military welcome on space available basis)

Own Motorcycle

Motorcycle Learner's Permit or Endorsement

PPE requirements as addressed in MCO 5100.19E

Helmet (SNELL/ANSI/DOT Certified)

Impact/shatter resistant goggles or full faced shield attached to helmet

Reflective vest or brightly colored outer garment (for daytime use)

Hard sole shoes with heels (Leather boots or over the ankle encouraged)

Long sleeve shirt or jacket

Long legged trousers

Full fingered gloves or mittens

**Upon registration for the course, the student will be given a letter of intent to take to Pass and ID for a 30-day temporary pass to ride a motorcycle aboard MCAS.**

**For more information, call 449-5440 or 449-6143.**

### **Motorcycle EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE** (11 hours)

7-8 May

Fri 1700-2200 and Sat 0700-1300

(The experienced rider must have an endorsement on his drivers license)

**No permit is required to take the course at CCCC; however, an endorsement or proof of purchase/ownership is required to receive a voucher for the MCAS Safety Office to pay for the class. The Marine must present his driver license and ID card to receive the voucher. If the Marine has a motorcycle endorsement, he will need to take the experienced rider course. The phone number at Coastal for registration 938-6294.**

## **MOTOCROSS SAFETY TRAINING**

### **1/2 day class** (\$35.00 per student)

Starting and stopping motorcycle, emergency stopping, swerves, tight turns, jumping techniques, body position.

### **Full day class** (\$70.00 per student)

Same for 1/2 day class, plus motorcycle maintenance up keep, track conditions, safety awareness, more in depth riding techniques.

Classes are held at Half Moon Mx Park 1037 Ramsey Rd. Jacksonville, NC 28546.

Phone 910-938-1346/910-577-5850 Instructor Donnie Davis.

## **WARNING!!! tequila may get you drunk**

Posted on Monday, April 05 @ 09:10:46 EDT

### **By Vincenzo -Swede sues bar for getting her drunk**

A young Swedish woman is taking legal action against the owner of a bar after she drank too much alcohol and ended up in hospital.

The 20-year-old woman downed five tequilas in five minutes after having earlier knocked back pints of beer and cider and had to be taken to hospital with alcohol poisoning.

She now claims that the drinks contained more alcohol than is legal in Sweden and is suing the owner of the bar in Eskilstuna near Stockholm for damages.

She claims her ordeal has put her off tequila for life.

## **Runaway Trailer Splashes into Creek to Avoid Accident**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**TARENTUM, Pa.** - Stopped in traffic near the downhill approach to a bridge, John Hohman was roused from his daydreaming by an unusual scene on his right.

A flatbed tractor-trailer lumbered past him, going about 25 mph, on the sidewalk. Hohman thought the trucker had possibly lost his brakes and was bravely trying to avoid hitting anyone in traffic.

Not far away, standing in a parking lot, Ed Orendi thought the same thing as he watched the trucker make a sharp right turn onto a side street.

The maneuver allowed the truck driver to avoid bridge traffic, but it put him right behind another line of traffic with nowhere to turn.

Before Orendi knew it, the trucker swerved to the right again, this time through the railing of a small bridge over a creek.

The trucker's apparent heroics to avoid hitting anyone led to another drama: his careful and methodical rescue from his crushed cab. It would be another 2 1/2 hours before the trucker was successfully pulled from the wreckage, hoisted in a basket 50 feet to the bridge deck and taken to a hospital. The man, whose name and condition were not released, was not seriously injured, authorities said.